



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY
TURKEY RUN PARK
McLEAN, VIRGINIA 22101

IN REPLY REFER TO:
D30-GWMP

December 10, 1979

STAT

[Redacted]
Chief, Logistics Services Division, OL
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Posey:

This will acknowledge your recent letter suggesting means to facilitate access onto George Washington Memorial Parkway northbound from the CIA ramp.

Our traffic engineer and sign specialists have made a preliminary review of this proposal and found some unresolved problems with this approach.

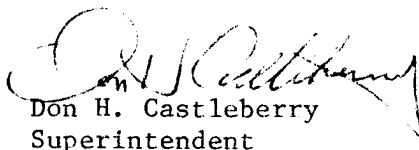
The only time this condition exists is at evening rush hour. At this time both outbound lanes are running at capacity. Any attempt to channel all that traffic into the left lane would only back up traffic farther toward Washington. Also, this traffic approaches the proposed merge location over a hill. This shortens their sight distance and makes a merge even more hazardous.

A quick survey indicates that during rush hour, traffic merging from the CIA ramp must wait about the same amount of time as is spent at a city traffic light. The exit from several other locations, including my own headquarters, is considerably more difficult.

As we have previously indicated, a major redesign would be required to permanently assure a quick, easy access from this location. We are presently not funded to undertake this type of change.

We do, however, share your concern that traffic be handled as safely and expeditiously as possible, and are continuing to analyze our options. Whenever our engineers have more definitive data, we will be back in contact with you to explore other options.

Sincerely yours,


Don H. Castleberry
Superintendent

